



SPORT & INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

SportsUnited: Bringing People Together Through Sports *U.S. Dept. of State*, June 6, 2011. Fact Sheet.

Building on the Secretary Clinton's vision of "smart power diplomacy," which uses many diplomatic tools - in this case sports, SportsUnited advances U.S. foreign policy goals through international exchanges that foster mutual understanding. Their initiatives also highlight the importance of teamwork, self confidence, hard work, and respect for others. See also **Education First – N.Z.'s 2011 Experience** and scroll down to July 9, 2011.

They Pledge Allegiance by Grant Wahl in *Sports Illustrated*, June 13, 2011.

Soccer has become the world's game except in the U.S. where baseball dominates.

Morally Incompatible? An Analysis of the Relationship between Competitive Sport and International Relations at the Olympic Games by Cesar Torres in *SAIS Review*, Winter/Spring 2011. 14p.

Torres provides policy recommendations relating to global assembling events, maintaining that they contribute to building a more peaceful world by educating youth through sport.

International Sports Law: A Replay of Characteristics and Trends by James Nafziger in *The American Journal of International Law*, July 1992. 29p.

The area of sports law is changing with a more uniform authority over athletes and athletic activity.

Sport in International Relations A Case of Cross-Disciplinary Investigation by Aaron Beacom in *The Sports Historian*. November, 2000.

The political and cultural dimensions of sport are widely recognized and international sport is generally accepted as contributing to the dynamics of international relations.

What Price Victory? The World of International Sports and Politics by Andrew Strenk. *University of Southern California*, September, 1979.

Public opinion and the news media in the United States have generally assumed that sports and politics are separate entities and should be kept that way. However, this has not been the case throughout history.

Sport and Society by James Frey & Daniel Eitzen in the *Annual Review of Sociology*, 1991. 20p.

Sport is not only a microcosm of society, it is also a product of social reality, and totally unique.

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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Mission Not Accomplished by Chris Heffelfinger in *Foreign Policy*, August 5, 2011.

Without doubt, Osama bin Laden's death was a major setback to the organization, and his charismatic leadership will be difficult to replace. But senior officials in the Obama administration are also arguing that the tactic of targeting al Qaeda leaders is finally beginning to pay dividends. Heffelfinger believes that this could be an overly optimistic view, adding that the terrorist threat has simply adapted to the post-9/11 security environment.

Global Social Change and New Engagement in the Muslim World: Where We Go from Here and the Role of Youth and Social Media Briefing by Farah Anwar Pandith, Special Representative, U.S. Dept of State, at the Foreign Press Center, U.S. Dept of State, in New York, August 11, 2011.

The War on Soft Power by Joseph Nye in *Foreign Policy*, April 12, 2011.

In this op-Ed, Nye posits that even the U.S. military doesn't want to cut the State Dept. and foreign aid budget. He also looks at why Congress is playing a dangerous game with America's global influence. See also: [YouTube](#), April 4, 2011.

Arab Spring, Chinese Winter by James Fallows in *The Atlantic*, September, 2011.

Just after the streets of Tunisia and Egypt erupted, China saw a series of "Jasmine" protests - until the government stopped them cold. The methods were subtler than they had been at Tiananmen Square, and more insidious. Fallows questions the regime's defensive reaction as just being paranoia? He also wonders if the Chinese public is less satisfied - and more combustible - than it appears?

A Changing Asia-Pacific: Prospects for War, Peace, Cooperation and Order by Muthiah Alagappa. CSS, 2011.

Some argue that the rise of Asia poses fundamental challenges to continued United States' dominance of the international system, and that war has become thinkable again in Asia. The East-West Center's Alagappa explores the prospects for war, peace, cooperation, and order in a changing Asia-Pacific region.

Quality of Life: India Vs. China by Amartya Sen in the *New York Review of Books*, May 12, 2011.

Nobel laureate and economist Amartya Sen compares the two Asian economic giants India and China, emphasizing that *GNP* is not the only measure of successful government.

For America, An Arab Winter by Aaron Miller in *The Wilson Quarterly*, Summer 2011.

The demands for change in the Arab world in recent months have created more uncertainty for the U.S. notes Miller who feels that the fall of Arab autocrats creates more risks than opportunities, and that in dealing with each Arab ruler or leader, the U.S. has struck a different balance between its values and interests.

The Ultimate Ally by Michael Oren in *Foreign Policy*, May/June 2011.

The author, Israel's ambassador to the U.S., argues that, with the current upheaval in the Middle East, the U.S. needs Israel more than ever. He notes that Israel has sided with the U.S. through multiple conflicts over the past 60 years, and shares its global vision. Oren writes that in a region where most countries are ruled by autocratic regimes and by leaders who consider themselves above the law, Israel alone has maintained a democratic tradition. The alliance with Israel has enabled the U.S. to minimize its commitment of military resources in the region; Israel is also one of our major economic partners. U.S. diplomats involved in Middle East affairs have never considered that the presence of the so-called "Israel lobby" has influenced their decision-making.

The Pink Hijab by Robin Wright in *The Wilson Quarterly*, Summer 2011.

Wright notes that a consortium of major news media organizations, including *The New York Times*, *The Guardian*, *Der Spiegel*, *Le Monde*, and *El Pais*, began publishing excerpts from a quarter-million U.S. State Department cables obtained by WikiLeaks. In July 2010, *The Guardian* described the release of the Afghan war documents as

"one of the biggest leaks in U.S. military history." Right questions whether the outing of the State Department cables by Wikileaks really marks the end of "old-fashioned secrecy."

Danger Falling Tyrants by Jeffrey Goldberg in *The Atlantic Monthly*, June 2011.

Preserving U.S. access to oil may require the Obama administration to call for more democracy in some countries in the Middle East while propping up monarchs in others, according to Goldberg. The trajectories of the Middle East's revolutions are still difficult to discern, and it is not clear yet that tyranny, is, in fact, in permanent eclipse. Goldberg notes that some ruling regimes may need to be propped up to counterbalance the major threat facing the U.S. in the region, Iran. He cautions that the U.S. should pay close attention to the Muslim brotherhood. The Arab revolution has created some fracturing along ideological lines within the Muslim Brotherhood, but Goldberg notes that it is adept at playing politics and ducking hard questions.

Germany as a Geo-Economic Power by Hans Kundnani in *The Washington Quarterly*, Summer 2011.

The author writes that, after World War II and prior to reunification, West Germany could be described as a "civilian power" – it avoided military force and acted multilaterally to "civilize" international relations. As its economy has recovered and grown since reunification, Germany has become less reliant on NATO and the EU, and has been more ready to impose its preferences on other Eurozone countries. Kundnani believes that Germany is evolving into a "geo-economic" power – one that eschews military force, but acts when its economic interests are at stake and is less willing to participate in multilateral initiatives.

Popular Protest in North Africa and the Middle East: Bahrain's Rocky Road to Reform *International Crisis Group*, July 28, 2011. 35p.

Following a spasm of violence, Bahrain faces a critical choice between endemic instability and slow but steady progress toward political reform. The most sensible way forward is to launch a new dialogue in which the political opposition is fairly represented and to move toward changes that will turn the country into a constitutional monarchy. The authors suggest the regime should take immediate steps to address the human rights crisis, including the release of political leaders jailed for peacefully expressing their views, and reverse the alarming sectarian polarization that has occurred.

U.S. Nuclear Cooperation With India: Issues for Congress by Paul Kerr. *CRS*, July 21, 2011. 48p.

India, which has not signed the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty and does not have International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards on all of its nuclear material, exploded a 'peaceful' nuclear device in 1974, convincing the world of the need for greater restrictions on nuclear trade.

Some international relations resources which may be of interest:

U.S.-India State-to-State Engagement Begins in New Delhi *U.S. Dept of State*, August 2, 2011.

Pakistan: U.S. Foreign Assistance *CRS*, July 28, 2011. 44p.

State, Foreign Operations, Related Programs: FY2012 Budget & Appropriations *CRS*, August 4, 2011.

The Politics of Dispute Resolution & Continuing Instability in Afghanistan by Noah Coburn. *USIP*, August 2011. 12p.

Success in Afghanistan: It Takes a Region Op-ed by Marc Grossman, U.S. Special Representative to Afghanistan and Pakistan, August 24, 2011.

General Daniel Allyn Sees Improved Afghan Governance and Security *IIP Digital*, August 25, 2011.

Trade Strengthens Ties between China and Latin America Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, *EconSouth*, 2nd Quarter 2011. 6p.

Peacekeeping Remarks by Jeffrey A. DeLaurentis, U.S. Alternative Representative for Special Political Affairs, at the UN Security Council open debate on peacekeeping, August 26, 2011.

The Peace Corps: Current Issues *CRS*, August 4, 2011.

Terrorism

Ten Lessons Since the 9/11 Attacks Views of ten experts. *CFR*, August 26, 2011.

State Department Releases Country Reports on Terrorism 2010 *U.S. Dept of State*, August 18, 2011.
Summary / Country Reports / East Asia-Pacific

Program Helps Kids Heal from Terrorism's Traumas *IIP Digital*, August 10, 2011 (see also **Tuesday's Children**).

Human Rights

What is Religious Freedom? Fact sheet. *U.S. Dept of State*, August 17, 2011.

Religious Freedom and National Security Fact sheet. *U.S. Dept of State*, August 17, 2011.

Office of International Religious Freedom – Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor Fact sheet. *U.S. Dept of State*, August 17, 2011.

Obama Boosts U.S. Efforts to Prevent Genocide *IIP Digital*, August 4, 2011.

International Violence Against Women: U.S. Response and Policy Issues *CRS*, July 26, 2011.

United Nations System Efforts to Address Violence Against Women *CRS*, July 12, 2011

President Obama Directs New Steps to Prevent Mass Atrocities and Impose Consequences on Serious Human Rights Violators Fact Sheet. *The White House*, August 4, 2011.

Statement by U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton / Susan E. Rice, U.S. Permanent Repres. to the United Nations

A Conversation with Secretaries Hillary Rodham Clinton and Leon Panetta, at the National Defense University, August 16, 2011. **See also**

21st Century Deterrence Challenges Remarks by U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Rose Gottemoeller at U.S. Strategic Command 2011 Deterrence Symposium, at Omaha, Nebraska, August 4, 2011.

The 23rd United Nations Conference on Disarmament Issues: "Urgent and United Action toward a Nuclear-Weapon-Free World" Remarks by Susan F. Burk, Special Repres. of the U.S. President for Nuclear Nonproliferation, at Matsumoto, Japan, July 27, 2011.

The Arab Spring – Syria & Libya contd.

Libya Receiving \$1.5 Billion in Financial Assets Frozen in U.S. *IIP Digital*, August 26, 2011.

Statement on Libya by U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, August 25, 2011.

U.N. Sanctions Committee on Libya by senior U.S. Administration official, August 25, 2011.

Libya: Securing Stockpiles Promotes Security Fact sheet. *U.S. Dept of State*, August 26, 2011.

Unfreezing Assets to Meet the Critical Humanitarian Needs of the Libyan People Fact sheet, *U.S. Dept of State*, August 25, 2011.
See also

Post-Qaddafi Instability in Libya by Daniel Serwer. *CFR*, August 2011. 8p.

The Future of Syria Must be Determined By Its People by President Obama. *White House Blog*, August 18, 2011.

Syria's Assad Should Step Aside, Obama Says *IIP Digital*, August 18, 2011

Syria Fact Sheet. *White House*, August 18'11.

President Obama Signs New Executive Order Isolating the Government of Syria from the U.S. Financial System, Imposes Sanctions against Syria's Energy Sector *U.S. Dept of the Treasury*, August 18, 2011.

Calling for Regime Change in Syria "First take" analysis by Robert Danin. *CFR*, August 18, 2011.

Remarks by Susan E. Rice, U.S. Permanent Rep. to the U.N. Security Council on Syria August 10, 2011.

U.S. Treasury Imposes Sanctions Against Syria's Largest Bank *IIP Digital*, August 10'11.

Unrest in Syria and U.S. Sanctions Against the Asad Regime *CRS*, August 9, 2011.

U.S. Welcomes Stronger Arab Stand Against Syrian Violence *IIP Digital*, August 8, 2011.

Clinton Says Assad Regime Has Killed More Than 2,000 Since March *IIP Digital*, August 5, 2011.

U.S. Supports Protesters Facing Violent Attacks in Iran, Syria *IIP Digital*, August 4, 2011.

Countering Syria's Ramadan Offensive by Deborah Jerome, *CFR*, August 4, 2011.

Enhancing U.S. Crisis Preparedness by John Vessey. *CFR*, June 2011.

East Asia / Pacific

Military and Security Developments Involving the People's Republic of China 2011 Annual Report to Congress, 2011. Note: 94p.

U.S., Chinese Economies Bound by Ties of Commerce, Investment IIP Digital, August 16, 2011.

A Bid to Boost U.S.-China Relations Analysis brief by Jayshree Bajoria, CFR, August 17, 2011.

China-U.S. Trade Issues CRS, August 10, 2011.

The U.S. Content of "Made in China" by Galina Hale & Bart Hobijn. Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, FRBSF Economic Letter, August 8, 2011.

U.S.-Taiwan Relationship: Overview of Policy Issues CRS, August 4, 2011.

U.S.-Vietnam Relations in 2011: Current Issues and Implications for U.S. Policy CRS, July 26, 2011. 36p.

Human Rights in China and U.S. Policy CRS, July 18, 2011.

POLITICS / GOVERNMENT

The Man Behind Citizens United Is Just Getting Started by Stephanie Mencimer in *Mother Jones*, May/June 2011.

Liberal reporter Mencimer profiles conservative Indiana attorney James Bopp's efforts to change campaign finance laws. Bopp has been successful in his claims that campaign contributions are a form of free speech protected by the First Amendment of the Constitution. The Supreme Court extended the same free speech protections to corporations in the *Citizens United v. FEC* ruling. Bopp has many cases in the lower courts challenging money limits to campaign contributions. His law firm also has cases in 16 states challenging financial disclosure laws for campaign contributors.

Too Big to Fail or Too Big to Change? by Chad Johnson in *Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance and Financial Regulation*, June 25, 2011.

The author writes that the investing public has grown frustrated with the lack of prosecutions of senior executives and companies responsible for the subprime mortgage meltdown and the resulting financial crisis of 2008. He believes that it is up to institutional investors and pension funds to fill the void, and seek redress for shareholders defrauded by corporate misconduct.

Campaign Coverage in the Time of Twitter by Jodi Enda in *AJR*, August 25, 2011.

Technology has transformed reporting on presidential politics.

Some government/politics resources which may be of interest:

Obama Leadership Image Takes a Hit, GOP Ratings Decline; Continued Dissatisfaction with Republican Field Pew Research Center, August 25, 2011. 61p.

Democrats Not Eager for an Obama Challenger Pew Research Center, August 10, 2011

Membership of the 112th Congress: A Profile CRS, updated August 4, 2011.

Executive Order – Establishing a Coordinated Government-Wide Initiative to Promote Diversity and Inclusion in the Federal Workforce White House, August 18, 2011.

Snapshot: What Drives Innovation in the Federal Government August, 2011. 3p.

Views of Tea Party Members in Congress Grow More Negative Pew Research Center, August 9, 2011.

White House Launches Government Accountability and Transparency Board to Cut Waste and Boost Accountability White House, July 28, 2011.

ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY

Which Nations are Most at Risk From Climate Change? by Lisa Friedman on *Scientific American* online, February 24, 2011.

Global institutions charged with protecting the most vulnerable nations from the effects of climate change are facing a major dilemma of prioritization. Because there is no international consensus for ranking the possibilities and the funds to help cope with climate change are limited, countries are already sparring over who will be considered the most vulnerable. The decision-making process will be fraught with conflict, writes Friedman, pointing out that many scientists consider China, susceptible to desertification, typhoons and sea level rise to be the world's most threatened nation; she warns that the world doesn't have much time to make choices.

A Roadmap for the Planet by Bjorn Lomborg on *Newsweek Magazine* online, June 12, 2011.

Environmentalists argue that the industrialized countries of the world have made sizable "withdrawals" on nature's "fixed allowance" - that the current way of living is selfish and unsustainable, but fundamentally wrong, says Lomborg, director of the Copenhagen Consensus Center and author of *The Skeptical Environmentalist*. Lomborg writes that in the 1930s and 1940s, London was more polluted than Beijing, New Delhi, or Mexico City are today. With increased affluence, developed countries gradually are better able to afford a cleaner environment.

The Other Global Toxic Cloud: China's Pollution by Edward Tenner in *The Atlantic*, March 18, 2011.

Many in North America are worried about the drifting fallout from the Japanese nuclear reactor catastrophe, but the health risks are small compared to the mercury and other pollutants China's manufacturing and power generation are pumping into the air, writes Tenner, historian and founding advisor of the Smithsonian Institution's Lemelson Center. Although China is taking positive environmental steps, the momentum of its growth threatens to swamp them: it now emits more mercury than the U.S., India and Europe combined.

Will Natural Gas Fuel America in the 21st Century? by David Hughes in *Post Carbon Inst. Report*, May 29'11.

Hughes notes that natural gas is being hailed as a promising "bridge fuel" between high-carbon fuel sources and renewable energy, largely on the basis of horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing technologies to tap into previously inaccessible deposits of shale gas. He cautions that shale gas wells are costly, both in financial and energy terms, and carry much greater environmental risks than conventional gas wells, believing that strategies for energy sustainability must focus on reducing energy demand and optimizing the use of combustible fuels.

Germany's Unlikely Champion of a Radical Green Energy Path by Christian Schwägerl in *Yale Environment*, May 9, 2011.

The author considers that German Chancellor Angela Merkel "is anything but a left-wing greenie" - she is the equivalent of a Republican in the U.S., and is pro-business. Yet, the disaster at the Fukushima plant in Japan convinced her that nuclear power is not a viable option. Schwägerl believes that what Merkel proposes is risky and expensive, while noting that she has reacted to Fukushima very differently from other world leaders.

Some environmental resources which may be of interest:

Statement - President Obama on the 6th Anniversary of Hurricane Katrina The White House, August 29'11.

President Obama Announces Major Initiative to Spur Biofuels Industry and Enhance America's Energy Security The White House, August 16, 2011.

New Task Force to Promote Energy Initiatives American Forces Press Service, August 11, 2011. See also **Energy for the Warfighter: DOD Operational Energy Strategy**

U.S. Hydropower Output Varies Dramatically from Year to Year Energy Inf. Admin., U.S. Dept of Energy, August 15, 2011.

Fueling American Innovation: A National Program to Build the New, More Efficient Cars and Trucks of the Future Fact Sheet. The White House, August 11, 2011.

How New Fuel Economy Standards Are Creating New Jobs The White House Blog, August 11, 2011.

White House Announces First Ever Oil Savings Standards for Heavy Duty Trucks, Buses *The White House*, August 9, 2011. **See also**

Consumption of Alternative Transportation Fuels Held Steady in 2009 *Energy Inf. Admin., U.S. Dept of Energy*, August 11, 2011.

Federal Loan Guarantees for the Construction of Nuclear Power Plants *CBO*, August 2011. 41p. **Summary**

Forecasting the Price of Oil Discussion paper, *U.S. Federal Reserve*, July 2011. Note: 118p.

Hedge Fund Speculation and Oil Prices *CRS*, June 29, 2011.

Deepwater Horizon: A Preliminary Bibliography of Published Research and Expert Commentary
Compiled by Chris Belter. *NOAA Central Library*, updated August 2, 2011. 24p.

Direct Federal Financial Interventions and Subsidies in Energy in Fiscal Year 2010 *Energy Inf. Admin., U.S. Dept of Energy*, August 1, 2011.

Ranking of Renewable Energy and Nuclear Energy Use Varies by Sector *Energy Info. Admin., U.S. Dept of Energy*, August 1, 2011

Wind Generating Capacity is Distributed Unevenly across the United States *Energy Info. Admin., U.S. Dept of Energy*, August 2, 2011.

Review of the NRC's Near-Term Task Force Recommendations for Enhancing Reactor Safety in the 21st Century Hearing before the *U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works*, August 2, 2011.

Food Security

The New Geopolitics of Food by Lester Brown in *Foreign Policy*, May/June 2011.

The president of the *Earth Policy Institute* notes that rising global prices for staples do not affect those in the Western industrialized countries as much as they do in developing countries. He says the 2011 food crisis is real, and that the world looks very different from the bountiful global grain economy of last century.

The Dangerous Psychology of Factory Farming by James McWilliams in *The Atlantic*, August 24, 2011.

A look at the ethics of industrial agriculture.

Food Security Helps Wildlife in *Science Daily*, August 23, 2011.

A study in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* (PNAS) documents the success of a Wildlife Conservation Society program that uses an innovative business model to improve rural livelihoods while restoring local wildlife populations.

How a Faltering Dollar Starves Food Aid Interview with Laurie Garrett, *CFR*, August 9, 2011.

Looking at certain areas of the globe, Garrett calls the current situation - with the troubled dollar, the beleaguered global economy, and a diminishing number of donors at time of rising food prices - a "perfect storm." And many donors have yet to fulfill their pledges on foreign aid.

U.S. Agricultural Trade: Trends, Composition, Directions, and Policy *CRS*, July 29, 2011. 56p.

U.S. agricultural exports, imports, and the agricultural trade surplus are expected by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to reach record levels in FY2011.

Food CPI and Expenditures: Food Expenditure Tables *Econ. Research Service, U.S. Dept of Agriculture*.

Total expenditures and food expenditures – can be browsed by subject.

TRADE / ECONOMY

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The Near- and Longer-Term Prospects for the U.S. Economy Speech by Ben Bernanke, Chairman, *U.S. Federal Reserve*, August 26, 2011.

Boomer Retirement: Headwinds for U.S. Equity Markets? by Zheng Liu & Mark M. Spiegel. Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, *FRBSF Economic Letter*, August 22, 2011.

The National and Regional Economic Outlook Address by William C. Dudley, president and chief executive officer, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, August 18, 2011.

U.S. Trade Deficit Surges to Highest Level Since 2008 *IIP Digital*, August 12, 2011.

The Revealed Competitiveness of U.S. Exports Discussion paper by Massimo Del Gatto et al. *Federal Reserve System*, August 2011. 32p. **Abstract**

The Credit Rating Controversy by Christopher Alessi and Roya Wolverson, *CFR*, August 10, 2011.

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How We're Doing as the Economy Falters by Ted Gayer & Darrell M. West. *Brookings*, August 7, 2011.

Myths and Facts About the Debt-Ceiling Compromise *The White House Blog*, August 4, 2011.

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The Budget and Economic Outlook: An Update *CBO*, August 2011. *Note*: 110p.

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What Does the Path to Full Recovery Look Like? Speech by Jeffrey M. Lacker, President, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, July 28, 2011.

Inflation: Costs, Causes, and Current Status *CRS*, July 26, 2011.

Statutory Limits on Total Spending as a Method of Budget Control *CRS*, July 26, 2011.

Boosting U.S. Exports: Selected Issues for Congress *CRS*, July 21, 2011.

Remarks by U.S. Trade Representative Ron Kirk at the Coalition of Service Industries Global Services Summit, in Washington D.C., July 20, 2011.

Economic Recovery: Sustaining U.S. Economic Growth in a Post-Crisis Economy *CRS*, July 18, 2011.

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U.S. Economy Sees Boost in GDP, Modest Recovery *IIP Digital*, July 13, 2011. **Statement by Ben S. Bernanke** Chairman, U.S. Federal Reserve, to the U.S. House Committee on Financial Services.

U.S. Economy for Second Half of 2011 - Update Briefing by Kenneth Goldstein, economist, and Lynn Franco, director, Consumer Research Center, at the Foreign Press Center, U.S. Dept of State, in New York, July 13, 2011.

Diplomacy and Jobs Special briefing by U.S. Under Secretary of State Robert D. Hormats, July 12, 2011.

Treasury Kicks Off Billions of Dollars in Main Street Lending through the Small Business Lending Fund *U.S. Dept of the Treasury*, July 7, 2011.

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Jobs and Economic Security for Rural America *White House Rural Council*, August 2011. 28p. See also

President Obama Announces New Jobs Initiatives for Rural America *The White House*, August 16, 2011.

Opening Remarks - President Obama at White House Rural Economic Forum August 16, 2011.

Background on White House Rural Economic Forum *The White House*, August 16, 2011.

U.S. SOCIETY

Can the Middle Class Be Saved? by Don Peck in *The Atlantic*, September.

By widening the divide between the super-rich and everyone else, the Great Recession has imperiled America's values as well as its economy. Peck outlines how to rebuild a hollowed-out middle class.

Men, Women and the New Economics of Marriage by D'Vera Cohn & Ricard Fry. *Pew Research*, 2010.

The institution of marriage has undergone significant changes in recent decades as women have outpaced men in education and earnings growth. These unequal gains have been accompanied by gender role reversals in both the spousal characteristics and the economic benefits of marriage.

Opening Salvo – Fort Sumter: The Civil War Begins by Fergus Bordewich in *Smithsonian*, April 2011.

One hundred and fifty years later, the Civil War's ramifications still profoundly affect American society, from the consequences of slavery for African-Americans and debates over states' rights.

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The State of America's Children 2011 *Children's Defense Fund*, July 2011. Note: 206 p. **News Release**

Half of Young Children in the U.S. Are Read to at Least Once a Day *Census Bureau*, August 11, 2011.

Remarks at the Ninth Annual Youth Assembly at the U.N. Remarks by Susan E. Rice, U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations, August 3, 2011.

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Remarks by President Obama During Iftar Dinner *The White House*, August 11, 2011. See also

Gallup Poll Finds Muslim Americans Hopeful, Trusting *IIP Digital*, August 10, 2011 The report: "**Muslim Americans: Faith, Freedom, and the Future**" Note: 132p.

How Islam's Golden Age Shaped the Modern World *IIP Digital*, July 21, 2011 (exhibition opened May 27th 2011, at California Science Center, Los Angeles).

Group Fosters Dialogue about Post-9/11 World *IIP Digital*, August 11, 2011 (about the work of Prepare New York, a coalition of six New York-based interfaith organizations)

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Asian-Americans Still Feel Like Outsiders in Corporate America, New Study from Center for Work-Life Policy Finds News release, *Center for Work-Life Policy*, July 20, 2011.

The Asian-American Labor Force in the Recovery *U.S. Dept of Labor*, July 22, 2011. 10p.

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CBO 2011 Long-Term Projections for Social Security: Infographic *CBO*, August 2011. **See also**

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The Interplay of Borders, Turf, Cyberspace, and Jurisdiction: Issues Confronting U.S. Law Enforcement *CRS*, July 19, 2011.

Principles of Effective State Sentencing and Corrections Policy Report of the National Conference of State Legislatures, August 2011. Note: 51p.

Laundering the Proceeds of Corruption Report by *Financial Action Task Force*, July 2011. 54p. See also: **The Financial Action Task Force**

EDUCATION

Women Find More Value and Benefit from College Education *Pew Research*, August 19, 2011.

Half of all women who have graduated from a four-year college give the U.S. higher education system excellent or good marks for the value it provides given the money spent by students and their families; only 37% of male graduates agree. In addition, women who have graduated from college are more likely than men to say their education helped them to grow both personally and intellectually.

Leading an IT Organization Out of Control by Gregory A. Jackson in *Educause Review*, July/August.

With the era of control ending for campus IT organizations, leaders need to learn to use some known management approaches and methods in radically different ways.

Improving Teaching and Learning When Budgets Are Tight by Allen Odden & Lawrence Picus in *Phi Delta Kappan*, August.

Teachers weigh in with their ideas for when budgets are tight.

Already Ahead: Top Contenders in the Race to the Top - Early Learning Challenge by Laura Bornfreund. *New America Foundation*, August 26, 2011.

11 states are top contenders in the *Race to the Top – Early Learning Challenge*.

Some educational resources which may be of interest:

Why Are Finland's Schools Successful? by LynNell Hancock in *Smithsonian*, September, 2011.

Is a College Cap and Gown a Financial Ball and Chain? Federal Reserve Bank of St Louis, *Liber8 Economic Information Newsletter*, August 2011. 2p.

Education Reforms: Exploring Teacher Quality Initiatives Hearing before the *U.S. House Committee on Education and the Workforce*, July 27, 2011.

A Framework for K-12 Science Education: Practices, Crosscutting Concepts, and Core Ideas *Committee of the National Research Council. National Academies Press*, 2011. Note: 320p.

BUSINESS/LABOR

The First Time I Met Steve Jobs by Austin Carr on *Fast Company.com*, August 24, 2011.

Many who have met Jobs describe their encounters, however brief or inconsequential, as magical and life altering.

A Surprising Jobs Recovery: American Manufacturing is Back by Stephen Gandel on *Time.com*, May 16, 2011.

Despite a lackluster economic rebound, manufacturing in the U.S. has, for the first time in decades, seen an increase. Nearly one in every six jobs that has been created since January, 2010 has been in manufacturing – with an additional 240,000 workers in total. This recovery of U.S. manufacturing is due in part to the weak dollar and increased foreign demand for U.S. construction and agricultural machinery and building supplies.

The Myth of the Baseload by David Brown Kinloch on *Kentucky.com*, July 12, 2011.

“Baseload,” is a term that electric power utility companies use to describe centralized plants, usually coal- or nuclear-powered, with the lowest operating costs, that provide the bulk of a region’s typical power demand. On days when demand is higher than normal, more expensive generators are brought online to provide the “peaking” load. Traditionally, utilities have dismissed renewables as being unable to reliably provide baseload power. However the author, an engineer, writes that radical change is coming to the utility industry, as the growing cost of fuels and increasing pollution controls make conventional coal- or nuclear-powered plants more expensive. Kinloch notes that the major obstacle is getting utility planners and dispatchers to think outside the mindset that baseload power must be delivered by conventional fossil or nuclear plants.

STEM: Good Jobs Now and For the Future Issue brief, *Economics & Statistics Administration, U.S. Dept of Commerce*, July 2011. 10p.

This analysis suggests that *STEM* (*Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics*) jobs should be highly desirable to U.S. workers, and that regardless of educational attainment, entering a *STEM* profession is associated with higher earnings and reduced joblessness. For college graduates, there is a payoff in choosing to pursue this degree, and for workers, an even greater payoff.

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A Strategy for Facebook by Barb Palser in *American Journalism Review*, August 5, 2011.

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Text Messages Aren't Enough When Natural Disaster Strikes by Neil Ungerleiger on *FastCompany.com*, August 25, 2011.

A new Red Cross survey claims that social media is increasingly being used by Americans seeking information on natural disasters, but reliance on social media and text messages during emergencies does have hidden dangers.

The Future of Public Television: Can Public Television News Step Up? in *CJR*, July/August.

Television has long been the most popular news medium, the format that unites and brings the world to living rooms each night. Public television news is cherished by many in America, but it is resource-starved, politically beaten, and unambitious. And it has always danced a step behind.

Podcasts:

- **The Changing Business of News** by Bill Grueskin & Lucas Graves
- **Lawrence Pintak on the Arab Media Revolution**

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What is Public Art? on *Youtube*

You see it everywhere... in your towns and cities. But is it really art?

Public Art – Seattle

Seattle was one of the first cities in the United States to adopt a *percent-for-art ordinance*. For more than 30 years its public art program has been considered exemplary as it integrates artworks and the ideas of artists into a variety of public settings, advancing Seattle's reputation as a cultural center for innovation and creativity.

Three San Francisco Arts Commission Public Art Projects Named America's Best Public Artworks at the 2011 Americans for the Arts Convention in San Diego June 2011.

These recently-commissioned public art projects were recently named best public artworks in the United States at the *2011 Americans for the Arts* convention held in San Diego from June 16–19. During the annual Public Art Year in Review session, forty-seven of the most innovative permanent or temporary public artworks were chosen from approximately 500 entries from across the country. The San Francisco Arts Commission's Public Art Program has enriched the city's public buildings and spaces by commissioning artworks by the best local, national and international artistic talent.

Are There Too Many Books? by Peter Osnos in *The Atlantic*, August 23, 2011.

UNESCO's list of "new titles and editions" of books published in the U.S. for 2009 totaled 288,355, a number that has increased since then, as books long out of print are revived in digital versions. *BookStats 2011*, the annual comprehensive report just released by the Association of American Publishers and the Book Industry Study Group, concluded that book sales, in terms of revenues and copies sold, have steadily increased in the period of 2008–2010. Overall, the report supports the belief that publishing is on an upswing, contrary to the widely held and incorrect assumption that competition from other media forms was diminishing the venerable book world.

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In his review of Daniel Richter's *Before the Revolution: America's Ancient Pasts*, Elliot highlights how early ethnic diversity, indigenous peoples, and the vastness of the continent influenced American social and political development. He underscores that "the American past belongs to many peoples, and none should be forgotten."

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Q&A: Smithsonian's Cottrell on the Virginia Earthquake in *Smithsonian*, April 2011.

A Smithsonian geologist offers her expertise on the seismic event that recently shook much of the mid-Atlantic.

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